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SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXCHANGE BETWEEN NEBRASKA AND PURKYNE UNIVERSITIES

REF: STATE 014530-C

1. POST WELCOMES ANDERSON PROPOSAL. EMBASSY EDUCATIONAL CONTACT IN BRNO AREA HAS BEEN ATTENUATED IN POST-1968 PERIOD, DESPITE EXISTENCE THERE OF SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ACADEMIC PERSONNEL WITH POSITIVE TIES TO U.S. THIS LARGELY DUE TO FAIRLY SEVERE "NORMALIZATION" IN THAT AREA.

2. RE PARAGRAPH TWO, REFTEL, WHETHER OR NOT ANDERSON IS EVER MADE AWARE OF IT, NEGOTIATIONS WILL INEVITABLY BE POLITICIZED PRIOR TO ANY MEANINGFUL COMMITMENT FROM CZECHS.

3. UNLESS ANDERSON HAS EXISTING REPEAT EXISTING PERSONAL CONTACT WITH PURKYNE PERSONNEL OF SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO INSURE ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE PURSUIT OF EXCHANGE WITH CZECH MINED BY THAT OFFICE, POST WOULD RECOMMEND THAT APPROACH BE ADDRESSED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO CZECH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND OFFICE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, CZECH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, WITH COPIES TO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE AND PURKYNE UNIVERSITY. ALL RECIPIENTS SHOULD BE APPRAISED OF IDENTITY OF OTHER ADDRESSEES.

4. CZECH EMBASSY WILL PROBABLY INFORM MFA WHICH SHOULD GIVE WORD TO MINED. MINED MIGHT ACT SEMI-INDEPENDENTLY IF IT KNOWS MFA

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IS BEING NOTIFIED. SUCH PRELIMINARY MINED ACTION CAN REDUCE ACTUAL CLEARANCE TIME IN SUCH CASES.

5. APPROACH TO PURKYNE ALONE REQUIRES THEM VOLUNTARILY TO CLEAR WITH MINED, WHICH MUST CLEAR WITH MFA. THIS ROUTE DEFIES BUREAUCRATIC INERTIA, WITH SCANT PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS, IN THE ABSENCE OF UNUSUAL PERSISTENCE ON PART OF UNIVERSITY. HENCE, POST'S OPENING QUESTION RE EXTENT OF ANDERSON'S EXISTING CONTACT WITH PURKYNE, A REASONABLE PREREQUISITE FOR SUCH UNCHARACTERISTIC PERSISTENCE.

6. IN ANY ASSESSMENT OF HIS CONTACT ANDERSON SHOULD GIVE PRIMARY CONSIDERATION TO POSSIBLE OR ACTUAL AUTHORATIVE SUPPORT AT DECISION-MAKING LEVEL, EITHER IN UNIVERSITY OR AT MINED, AND DISCOUNT LOCAL PROFESSORIAL ENTHUSIAM HEAVILY. SUCH ENTHUSIAM IS NOT UNCOMMON, BUT CAN COUNTER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION ONLY IF EXCHANGE IS OPERATED AT VISITING FIREMAN LEVEL, SOMETHING SOMETIMES USEFUL BUT NOT APPARENTLY IN THIS CASE.  
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